



# GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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HOUSE BILL NO. 60

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The following bill was reported to the Senate from the House and ordered to be printed.

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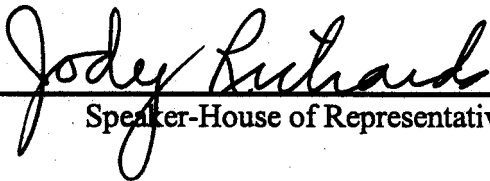
AN ACT relating to the awarding of high school diplomas to veterans.

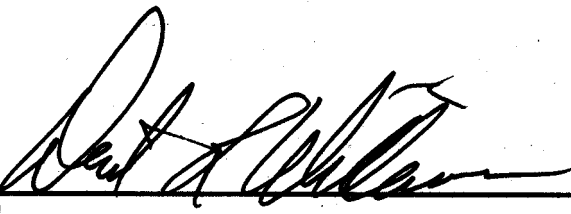
***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

1       Section 1. KRS 158.140 is amended to read as follows:

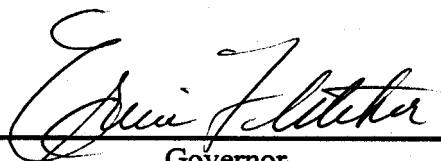
- 2       (1) When a pupil in any public elementary school or any approved private or parochial  
3       school completes the prescribed elementary program of studies, he is entitled to a  
4       certificate of completion signed by the teacher or teachers under whom the program  
5       was completed. The certificate shall entitle the pupil to admission into any public  
6       high school. Any promotions or credits earned in attendance in any approved public  
7       school are valid in any other public school to which a pupil may go, but the  
8       superintendent or principal of a school, as the case may be, may assign the pupil to  
9       the class or grade to which the pupil is best suited. In case a pupil transfers from the  
10      school of one (1) district to the school of another district, an assignment to a lower  
11      grade or course shall not be made until the pupil has demonstrated that he is not  
12      suited for the work in the grade or course to which he has been promoted.
- 13      (2) Upon successful completion of all state and local board requirements, the student  
14      shall receive a diploma indicating graduation from high school.
- 15      (3) A local school board may award a diploma indicating graduation from high school  
16      to any student posthumously with the high school class the student was expected to  
17      graduate.
- 18      (4) A local board of education shall award an authentic~~[a]~~ high school diploma to an  
19      honorably discharged veteran who~~[-was-enrolled-in,-but]~~ did not complete~~[-]~~ high  
20      school prior to being inducted into the United States Armed Forces during World  
21      War II, as defined in KRS 40.010, or the Korean conflict, as defined in KRS 40.010.  
22      Upon recommendation of the commissioner, the Kentucky Board of Education in  
23      consultation with the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs shall promulgate  
24      administrative regulations to establish the guidelines for awarding these authentic  
25      diplomas.

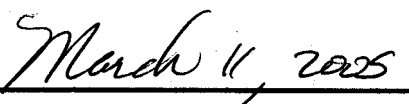
- 1 (5) The Department of Education shall establish the requirements for a vocational
- 2 certificate of completion. A student who has returned to school after dropping out
- 3 shall receive counseling concerning the vocational program. A student who has
- 4 completed the requirements established for a vocational program shall receive a
- 5 vocational certificate of completion specifying the areas of competence.

  
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Speaker-House of Representatives

  
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President of the Senate

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